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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1774**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s): Jeffrey S. Dugan
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.